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The meeting was called to order at 3.30 p.m.

ELECTION OF THE BUREAU (continued)

The PRESIDENT said that he had been informed that, as a result of consultations within the Group of Asian States and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, Mr. Bivero (Venezuela) and Mr. Marker (Pakistan) had been nominated to fill the posts of Vice-Presidents of the Council from those Groups.

Mr. Bivero (Venezuela) and Mr. Marker (Pakistan) were elected Vice-Presidents of the Council for 1994 by acclamation.

BASIC PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COUNCIL (E/1994/L.7 and Add.1)

The PRESIDENT said that following informal meetings and consultations, he and members of the Bureau had submitted the draft proposals contained in document E/1994/L.7 and Add.1. He had been informed by the Secretariat that none of the draft proposals had programme budget implications.

Draft decision I: High-level segment of the Economic and Social Council of 1994

Draft decision I was adopted.

Draft decision II: Coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council of 1994

Draft decision II was adopted.

Draft decision III: Proposed provisional agenda for the substantive session of 1994 of the Economic and Social Council (27 June-29 July 1994)

Mr. MONGBE (Benin) said that in paragraph 3 (c), the themes of the 1993 coordination segment should be specified.

The PRESIDENT said that that could be done in the final version of the document.

Draft decision III was adopted.

Draft decision IV: Regional cooperation

Draft decision IV was adopted.

Draft decision V: Consideration of reports of intergovernmental bodies. A. Report of the Trade and Development Board. B. Report of the Council of the United Nations University

Draft decision V was adopted.

Draft decision VI: Basic programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 1995

Draft decision VI was adopted.

Draft decision VII: Enlargement of the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Draft decision VII was adopted.

Draft decision VIII: Dates of the special session of the Statistical Commission

Draft decision VIII was adopted.

Draft decision IX: Dates of the thirty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

Draft decision IX was adopted.

Draft decision X: Dates of the second session of the Commission on Sustainable Development

The PRESIDENT said that consultations would continue on the dates of the second session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, and the Council would revert to the draft decision at a later stage.

Draft decision XI: Dates and venue of the seventeenth session of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination

Draft decision XI was adopted.

Draft decision XII: Dates of the seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

Draft decision XII was adopted.

Draft decision XIII: Dates of the twentieth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations

Draft decision XIII was adopted.

Draft decision XIV: Dates of the resumed organizational session of the Economic and Social Council for 1994

Draft decision XIV was adopted.

Draft decision XV: Dates of the organizational session of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund

Draft decision XV was adopted.

Mr. KUDRYAVTSEV (Russian Federation) said that the Council had not adopted any decision on the dates of the session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The PRESIDENT said that draft decision XV, on the dates of the organizational session of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), had been adopted because the originally scheduled dates conflicted with the dates of the session of the Governing Council of UNDP. It was not necessary to take a decision on the dates of the session of the

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Governing Council of UNDP, because the Council had already adopted a decision, at its summer session.

Draft decision XVI: Timetable for the substantive session of 1994 of the Economic and Social Council (27 June to 29 July 1994)

Mr. BAHADIAN (Brazil) asked whether it was established practice for United Nations Headquarters to close on 4 July; if the Council could not ever meet on that day, it would lose one day at every session.

Mrs. CASTRO DE BARISH (Costa Rica) said that there was a long-standing practice to close on the national holiday of the host country.

Draft decision XVI was adopted.

Draft decision XVII

The PRESIDENT drew attention to document E/1994/12, requesting the inclusion in the provisional agenda for the substantive session of 1994 of a supplementary item. The correct title of the item was: "Coordination of the activities related to HIV/AIDS".

Mr. FERNANDEZ PALACIOS (Cuba) said that the basic programme of work for 1995 already included a section on AIDS; he asked whether the inclusion of the subject in the provisional agenda for the substantive session would mean that the item would be considered every year instead of every two years. There were other diseases which deserved attention too, such as cholera and malaria.

The PRESIDENT said that HIV/AIDS was a biennial item and it would therefore be considered in 1995 and 1997. The proposal had been made by one delegation that on an exceptional basis, the item should be taken up in 1994; during informal consultations, support had been expressed for that proposal.

Mr. FERNANDEZ PALACIOS (Cuba) said that his delegation had no substantive objection to including the item in the provisional agenda for the substantive session but felt that it should not become a practice for items that were to be considered on a biennial basis to be taken up every year.

Draft decision XVII, as orally amended, was adopted.

Mr. NKOUNKO (Observer for Congo) said that the draft decisions did not refer to the dates at the session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.

The PRESIDENT said that those dates had been settled earlier, and could be found in the calendar of conferences and meetings.

The meeting was suspended at 4.10 p.m. and resumed at 5 p.m.

ELECTIONS, NOMINATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS (E/1994/2, E/1994/10 and E/1994/11/Rev.1)

The PRESIDENT suggested that the Council should take up elections postponed from previous sessions, and confirmations.

It was so decided.

Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development (E/1994/11/Rev.1)

The PRESIDENT said that the Secretariat had been given the name of Mr. Shawkat (Egypt), nominated by his Government, to fill one of the four remaining vacancies to be filled from the Group of African States. He took it that the Council wished to appoint Mr. Shawkat by acclamation.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT said that the Secretariat had also received the name of Mr. Penido Vale (Brazil), nominated by his Government, to replace Mr. Costa, the current expert from Brazil on the Committee.

He took it that the Council wished to appoint Mr. Penido Vale (Brazil) as replacement by acclamation.

It was so decided.

Confirmations (E/1994/10)

The PRESIDENT said that document E/1994/10 contained the names of representatives of the functional commissions which had been submitted for confirmation by the Council since the close of the organizational session for 1993. The Secretariat had subsequently received the name of Ms. Knight nominated by the Government of Jamaica to serve on the Population Commission. He took it that the Council wished to confirm the nominations in document E/1994/10, as well as the nomination from the Government of Jamaica.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 5.05 p.m.